Establishment of Shirahatti Municipality in Dharwar District.

Q.—238. Sri SIDDAIAH KASHIMATH (Shirahatti).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Shirahatti Municipality in Dharwar District was established and what is the population of the said Municipality ;

(*b*) what is the annual income of the said Municipality ;

(*c*) what was the income in the year 1954 and what percentage of house taxes has been increased in each year since 1954 to 1962 ;

(*d*) whether the Municipality has got its own building for its office establishment and if so, where it is situated ?

A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Municipal Administration).

(*a*) In the year 1878.

7,851 according to 1961 Census.

(*b*) Rs. 47,928 for the year 1962-63.

(*c*) Rs. 31 143. House tax was not increased in each year since 1954 to 1962. But taxes were revised twice, once in the year 1958-59 and subsequently in 1962-63.

(*d*) Yes. It has been located in its own building bearing House No. 259 in Ward No. 1 in Nehru Road, Shirahatti.

Development of Inland Fisheries in the State.

Q.—240. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the steps they have taken to develop Inland Fishery in the State ?

A.—Sri B. RACHIAH (Minister for Forests and Fisheries).—

The Mysore State (with the exception of predominantly Marine Fisheries in two coastal districts of South and North Kanara) consists of vast inland fisheries resources. 20 new Inland Fisheries Divisions have been opened with the main purpose of judicious conservation, stocking and exploitation of fisheries. Destructive and uneconomic methods of fishing are prevented under conservation measures. In addition to local fish seed, every year 15 to 20 lakhs of selected fish seed is being obtained from Calcutta and distributed all over the State for stocking in tanks and reservoirs. Fishermen are being given necessary training to take up improved fishing equipment and methods. Specially imported twine (nylon) for construction of new type of nets is supplied through Fishermen Co-operatives. Important varieties of fish seed are also being produced locally by induced breeding under controlled conditions. 31 Co-operative Societies of Inland Fishermen have been organised so far all over the State to help the fishermen to produce more fish from Inland Fisheries Resources.